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1. The following are naval craft under the Chinese Communist Southeast Naval Fleet:*

a. Gunboats:

T'AI HO (太和), 2,000 tons, eight guns, Repaired at Chiangnan Dockyards, Shanghai.

CANTON, 1,500 tons, six guns.

MIN CH'UAN (民權),** 1,500 tons, six guns.

YEN AN (延安), 2,000 tons, eight guns.

AN MIN (安民), 2,000 tons, eight guns.

NEN CHIANG (嫩江),** 1,000 tons, six guns.

b. Warships:

NAN CH'ANG (南昌),** 2,000 tons, eight guns.

WU CH'ANG (武昌), 1,500 tons, six guns.

TSINAN,** 1,500 tons, six guns

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c. Patrol boats:

JUI CHIN (瑞金), 1,000 tons, four guns.

YIN YUN (鄞鄖), 1,000 tons, four guns.

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YEN CH'ENG (鹽城), 1,000 tons.

TAO I (導義), 1,000 tons.

HUAI YEN (淮陰), 1,000 tons.

d. Landing craft:

CHUNG 111, 3,000 tons

CHUNG 124, 3,000 tons.

CHING LAN SHAN (井嵐山), 3,000 tons.

HUANG HO (黃河), 2,000 tons.

HUAI HO (淮河), 2,000 tons.

YUN HO (運河), 2,000 tons.

HUA 204, 2,000 tons.

CH'ING T'IEN (青田), 1,000 tons.

CH'EN CHI (陳集), 4,000 tons.

TUNG CHIAO (東喬), 4,000 tons.

KANG WEI (崗微), 400 tons.

CHEN AN (振安), 400 tons.

e. Approximately 140 armed motor junks.

2. During February the following China Merchant Steamship Navigation Company (CMSNC) ships, which had defected to the Chinese Communists near Wuchou (111-19, 23-28), left Pai O Tan (白鵝潭), Canton area, some for Shanghai and others for Tientsin: LIN SHEN (林森), CHIAO JEN (教仁), TENG K'ENG (登瀛), TUNG YU (登禹), HUNG CHANG (鴻章), HAI HAN (海漢), and CHENG KUNG (成功). Directly before the departure from Pai O Tan, the crew members of all these ships were dismissed and replaced by newly trained Chinese Communist seamen. These ships are to be used on regular Shanghai-Tsingtao-Tientsin runs.

3. The following CMSNC ships, which also defected at Wuchou, were still at Pai O Tan in early March: CHI P'ING (濟平), HAI K'ANG (海康), which are steamships, and CHUNG 106 and MIN 302, which are landing craft.

4. On 10 March, the Canton Military Control Commission established a "Seamen's Registration Office." All seamen must register by the end of March. Beginning on 1 April, Canton authorities will start sending some of these seamen to Shanghai for duty on Chinese Communist commercial ships, which are sailing between Shanghai, [redacted] for the transportation of military and other supplies to Shanghai. [redacted] the Chinese Communists recently received a large number of seagoing commercial craft from the Soviet Union.

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* [redacted] Comment. The formation of a Southeast Fleet has not been reported. However, since many of these ships have been reported as belonging to the East China Fleet, it is probable that East China Fleet is meant here.

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